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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S QUERY RE REPORTS OF
POSSIBLE MARCH VISIT TO EGYPT BY PRESIDENT FORD

REF: CAIRO 12359

1. REFTEL REPORTED LOCAL PRESS COMMENTARY A SHORT TIME
AGO THAT PRESIDENT FORD INTENDS TO VISIT EGYPT IN MARCH
1976. YESTERDAY'S CAIRO PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE
FRG HAS INVITED SADAT TO VISIT GERMANY IN MARCH.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, FRG AMBASSADOR
STELTZER CALLED TO ASK IF I COULD CONFIRM LOCAL PRESS
REPORTS ABOUT A VISIT BY PRESIDENT FORD IN MARCH. HE NOTED
THE FRG HAS NOW INVITED SADAT TO VISIT FRG MARCH 30 THROUGH
APRIL 2 AND HOPED THERE IS NO CONFLICT IN DATES.

3. I TOLD STELTZER I HAD NO INFORMATION THAT PRESIDENT
FORD INTENDS TO COME HERE IN MARCH. I HAD READ SUCH
PRESS STORIES AND KNEW THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD
ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIM BY
PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT WAS NOT AWARE THAT ANY DATE HAD YET
BEEN FIXED. I SUGGESTED IF THERE IS FRG CONCERN ABOUT A
POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN DATES, THE MATTER MIGHT BEST BE
DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON.

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4. STELTZER IS MAKING SUCH A RECOMMENDATION TO BONN AND
THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT YOU THAT THE GERMANS MAY APPROACH
YOU ON THE MATTER.

5. IF PRESIDENT FORD DOES PLAN TO COME IN MARCH, IT WILL
OF COURSE BE HELPFUL TO KNOW ASAP FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.
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